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OF BATS AND BOOKS AND SKATES AND SKIS

Habits of neatness and order can be cultivated more easily in children if they have definite places to keep their belongings.

Most growing children have play and sports equipment for both indoor and outdoor use. Things used out-of-doors, such as skates, bats, croquet sets, tennis racquets, sleds, skis, and scooters, are convenient if stored near one of the entrances frequently used by the children. If it is possible to arrange a closet, fitted with shelves and racks, or a chest, nearby, many of these articles can be kept accessible but out of the way. If the basement is dry, sometimes it is the best place for bulky playthings.

Indoor game boards, folding tables, and other recreational equipment that is generally used in the living room or dining room is most conveniently stored in those rooms or in a nearby hall closet. Bookshelves in the living room need not be used entirely for books. They often prove to be a good place for keeping the various games in an orderly way, musical records, magazine files, and so on.

A walk-in closet in the living room or hall is a great help, as shelves can be made the right size for the different articles while folding card tables or game boards will go underneath. Window-seat lockers or chests are more satisfactory when the interior is divided into compartments for specific uses so that the article wanted will not always be at the bottom of the pile.

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